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SUBJ: PORI POLL

1. FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS PORI STUDY 279, JULY 16-23 (ALL FIGURES IN PERCENTAGES:

1. U.S.-MIDEAST POLICIES: MORE ISRAELIS BELIEVE TODAY THAT U.S. POLICIES IN MIDEAST SUPPORT ARABS MORE THAN ISRAEL (19.4 BLIEVE U.S. SUPPORTS ARABS; 18.2, ISRAEL). THIS GREAT CHANGE FROM APRIL 1975 PORI SURVEY WHEN 36.7 SAID US MIDDLE EAST POLICIES SUPPORT ISRAEL WITH ONLY 10.0 BELIEVING US SUPPORTS ARABS. STILL, MAJORITY OF 28.6 BELIEVE US MIDEAST POLICIES SUPPORT NEITHER ISRAEL NOR ARABS BUT ARE ACTUALLY SELF-INTERESTED. ANOTHER 22.7 BELIEVE U.S. SUPPORT IS EVEN-HANDED (COMPARED WITH 41.7 WHO BELIEVED SO IN APRIL 1975). CURRENT SURVEY SHOWS, THEREFORE, SHARP DECLINE IN BELIEF THAT US MIDEAST POLICIES SUPPORT ISRAEL.

3. PRESIDENT AND SECSTATE RATINGS:

ALONG SAME LINE,SURVEY SHOWS
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DECLINE IN PRESIDENT FORD'S POPULARITY IN ISRAEL. WHILE 23.2 WERE

SATISFIED HIS ATTITUDES TOWARD ISRAEL IN JUNE SURVEY, THIS FIGURE HAS

DROPPED NOW TO 19.2. COMPARED WITH 34.3 IN JUNE, #3.6 NOW UNSATISFIED

WITH PRESIDENT'S ATTITUDE; KISSINGER'S POPULARITY REMAINS AT LOW MARK

OF 62.0 UNSATISFIED WITH HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL (SAME AS IN JUNE) AND ONLY :2.7 SATISFIED (ALSO SAME AS IN JUNE).

4. ISRAEL-EGYPT RELATIONS: MAJORITY OF ISRAELIS SUPPORT THEIR GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IN NEGOTIATING INTERMEDIATE SETTLEMENT WITH EGYPT. 46.5

FULLY SUPPORT, 13.7 SUPPORT " MORE OR LESS," WITH ONLY 22.3 OPPOSED TO

RABIN GOVERNMENT'S HANDLING OF NEGOTIATIONS. ON SIMILAR ISSUE, ONLY 29.8 BELIEVE THAT A PEACE SETTLEMENT WITH EGYPT IS AT ALL POSSIBLE, 50.0 BELIEVING THERE NO CHANCE AT ALL FOR PEACE WITH EGYPT.

5. CONTINUING BUILDING OF JEWISH CENTERS IN RAFAH AND SHARM-A-SHEIK AREAS NOT SEEN AS PREVENTING FUTURE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT BY 36.3 OF TOTAL ADULT POPULATION. ALMOST SAME PERCENTAGE (39.8) BELIEVE IT MIGHT MAKE NEGOTIATIONS MORE DIFFICULT. AUGUST 1974 PORI POLL YIELDED ALMOST EXACTLY SAME RESULTS. SAME GOES FOR OVERALL QUESTION AS TO WHETHER ISRAELIS BELIEVE THAT THE MORE TERRITORIES RETURNED THE MORE

WILLING ARABS WILL BE TO MAKE PEACE (79.3 DO NOT BELIEVE SO, 80.2 DID NOT BELIEVE SO A YEAR AGO). ISRAELIS STILL HOLDING STRONGLY TO IDEA

THAT PEACE IS NOT DEPENDENT ON TERRITORIES, BUT MORE ON REFUSAL OF ARAB STATES TO MAKE PEACE WITH ISRAEL.

6. RABIN POPULARITY: PRIME MINISTER RABIN HAS GAINED IN POPULARITY WITH 62.9

NOW SATISFIED WITH HIM. IN SEPTEMBER 1974 HIS POPULARITY STOOD AT 64.9, DROPPED TO 32.1 IN FEBRUARY 1975, AND HAS NOW CLIMBED AGAIN.

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7. ALLON'S POPULARITY: FORENGN MINISTER ALLON ALSO GAINED IN POPULARITY.

WHILE ONLY 26.3 WERESATISFIED WITH HIM LAST SUMMER, THIS FIGURE HAS

NOW RISEN TO 38.2.

8. EMIGRATION: 5.7 OF TOTAL ADULT POPULATION 18 YEARS AND OVER ARE CONSIDERING EMIGRATION FROM ISRAEL. OF THEM 3.8 ARE ABSOLUTELY SURE THEY ARE GOING TO LEAVE COUNTRY AOD ANOTHER 1.9 SAID THEY MIGHT LEAVE.

IN FEBRURARY 1975 PORI POLL, 5.2 CONSIDERED LEAVING COUNTRY. THERE IS

HOWEVER, MARKED DECLINE IN NUMBER CONSIDERING EMIGRATION SINCE MARCH 1974 (11.6). GREATEST NUMBER WOULD-BE EMIGRANTS IS, AND

WAS, IN 18-

TO 29 AGE GROUP. 11.3 OF THIS GROUP CONSIDER LEAVING COUNTRY. MOST

WANT TO EMIGRATE TO U.S. WITH CANADA SECOND.

9. POLITICAL PARTIES: ONLY 23.1 OF ISRAELIS OF VOTING AGE (18 YEARS AND OVER) SAY THERE IS TODAY A POLITICAL PARTY ANSWERING ALL THEIR REQUIREMENTS AND FOR WHICH THEY WOULD VOTE WITHOUT HESITATION. MAJORITY OF ISRAELIS DO NOT FIND EVEN ONE POLITICAL PARTY SATISFACTORY.

10. STANDARD OF LIVING: OVER THREE-QUARTERS OF POPULATION DECLARED THAT MONEY THEY MAKE TODAY DOES NOT ENABLE THEM BUY NECESSITIES AS COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO. 17.1 SAID THEY DO NOT FEEL A CHANGE, AND MINORITY OF 1.7 DECLARED THEY HAVE TODAY MORE THAN THEY HAD A YEAR AGO.

11. FULL REPORT BEING AIRPOUCHED TODAY.

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